Guidelines for Joint Ventures in Fisheries

5266. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate new guidelines for joint ventures in fisheries to attract a larger number of established international companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the proposals received by the Government to set up joint ventures in fisheries ; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Government has recently announced new guidelines for joint ventures in deep sea fishing.

(b) Salient features of revised joint venture policy in deep sea fishing are as under:-

i) Constitution of Empowered Committee of Secretaries to accord single window clearance to all proposals on deep sea fishing;

ii) Test fishing has been permitted to facilitate pre-investment study for assessing commercial viability of specific fishing operations in Indian EEZ;

iii) Vessels on long lease have been permitted to operate in the Indian EEZ. Vessels with foreign registration and foreign flag can now operate in Indian EEZ;

iv) Debt equity norms for acquisition of vessels enhanced to that not exceeding 6:1;

v) Producer exporters are entitled to diesel oil at international price;

vi) Relaxation of 40% foreign equity norms on case by case basis;

vii) Treating cost of vessels as part of equity of foreign collaborator;

viii) Transportation of the catch to ports abroad is permitted.

(c) Government has received about a dozen proposals for setting up joint venture in deep sea fishing.

(d) A view will be taken on these proposals by the Empowered Committee of Secretaries.

Expenditure Incurred By Banks on Court Cases

5267. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by public sector banks on court cases for recovery of loans during 1990 and 1991 so far, bank-wise;

(b) whether the expenditure on the above court cases has been increasing for the last ten years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to reduce such expenditure by banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Defence Security Personnel As Ex-Servicemen on Retirement After 15 Years' Service

5268. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to consider Defence Security Personnel as ex-Servicemen on retirement after completion of 15 years of service; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). A proposal was received by the Directorate General Resettlement for the grant of ex-Servicemen status to all the personnel who have served in the Defence Security Courts, provided they satisfied any of the other conditions laid down in sub-para 2(c) (i) to (iv) of the Government of India, Department of Personnel was based on the argument that such personnel are deployed with the regular Armed Forces, serve along with them and are exposed to the same risks as the Service personnel. This matter was considered by the High Level Committee on Problems of Ex-Servicemen (on those recommendations the definition of Ex-Servicemen had been modified in November 1986) which did not recommend that the retired personnel of the Defence Security Corps should be treated as Ex-Servicemen.

[*Translation*]

Development of National Highways In Uttar Pradesh

5269. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals for the development of National Highways submitted by the Government of Uttar Pradesh to the Union Government during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(c) the details of proposals approved by the Union Government and the amount sanctioned from 1990 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). The details of proposals relating to development of National Highways received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh during 1990-91 and 1991-92 are given in the Statement I and II. However, expenditure is incurred only after the proposals have been examined and sanctioned. During 1990-91, an expenditure of Rs. 65.16 crores is reported to have been incurred by the State Government on various sanctioned schemes for development of National Highways. For 1991-92, there is a tentative provision for allocation of Rs. 60 crores for schemes relating to development of National Highways in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) List of works amounting to Rs. 111.91 crores sanctioned from 1.4.1990 onwards for development of National Highways in Uttar Pradesh is given in Statement III.